

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS,
CANBERRA - AUSTRALIA

Statement showing MINIMUM RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF LABOUR
FOR ADULT MALE WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, AT
31ST DECEMBER, 1944

Rates of Wage are quoted from latest Award, Determination or Agreement
in force at 31st December, 1944

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wages per week	Hrs.	Rates of Wages per week	Hrs.
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS ETC.</u>				
<u>COOPERING -</u>				
Coopers	135/-	44	153/-	44
<u>FURNITURE -</u>				
Cabinet Makers ..	133/-	"	131/-	"
Chairmakers ..	133/-	"	131/-	"
French Polishers ..	133/-	"	131/-	"
Wood Carvers ..	133/-	"	131/-	"
Wood Machinists ..	133/-	"	131/-	"
<u>SAWMILLING AND TIMBER YARDS -</u>				
Box and Case Makers ..	116/-	"	116/-	"
Labourers ..	102/-	"	102/-	"
Machinists -				
Boults Carver ..	129/-	"	128/-	"
Moulding ..	108/- to 125/-	"	107/- to 124/-	"
Planing ..	120/- & 123/-	"	119/- & 122/-	"
Shaping ..	129/-	"	128/-	"
Ordermen ..	116/-	"	115/-	"
Sawyers -				
Band or Jig ..	117/- to 132/-	"	116/- to 131/-	"
Circular ..	117/- to 125/-	"	116/- to 124/-	"
Tallymen ..	116/-	"	115/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermakers	135/-	"	134/-	"
Helpers	111/-	"	110/-	"
Labourers	111/-	"	110/-	"
<u>BRASSWORKING -</u>				
Finishers	123/- to 135/-	"	122/- to 134/-	"
Moulders	114/- to 135/-	"	113/- to 134/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -</u>				
Armature Winders ..	135/-	"	134/-	"
Fitters	135/-	"	134/-	"
Linesmen	126/-	"	125/-	"
Mechanics	135/-	"	134/-	"
Wiremen	126/-	"	125/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u>				
Armature Winders ..	141/-	"	134/-	"
Instrument Makers ..	141/-	"	134/-	"
Linesmen	135/-	"	125/-	"
Shift Electricians ..	141/-	"	134/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmiths	136/-	"	135/-	"
Brassfinishers	123/- & 135/-	"	134/-	"
Coppersmiths	136/-	"	135/-	"
Fitters	135/-	"	134/-	"
Labourers	111/-	"	110/-	"
Patternmakers	143/-	"	142/-	"
Shapers	135/-	"	134/-	"
Strikers	111/- to 113/-	"	110/- & 112/-	"
Turners	135/-	"	134/-	"

Industry and Occupation			SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (CONTD.)						
MOULDING (IRON) -						
Coremakers	..	..	114/- to 135/-	44	113/- to 134/-	44
Labourers	..	..	111/-	"	110/-	"
Moulders	..	..	114/- to 135/-	"	113/- to 134/-	"
MOULDING (STEEL) -						
Coremakers	..	..	135/-	"	134/-	"
Labourers	..	..	111/-	"	110/-	"
Moulders	..	..	135/-	"	134/-	"
SHEET METAL WORKING -						
Canister Makers	..	..	114/-	"	113/-	"
Machinists	..	..	110/-	"	109/-	"
Solderers	..	..	110/- to 114/-	"	109/- & 113/-	"
Tinsmiths	..	..	123/- to 135/-	"	122/- & 134/-	"
FOOD, DRINK, ETC.						
BAKING (BREAD) -						
Board Banks	..	..	139/-	"	139/4	"
Bread Carters (1 horse)	..	..	128/-	"	106/-	"
Ovenmen	..	..	146/6	"	139/4	"
Single Hands	..	..	144/-	"	148/6	"
BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES) -						
Bakers	..	..	120/-	"	115/-	"
General Labourers	..	..	105/-	"	105/-	"
Mixers	..	..	109/- & 111/-	"	115/-	"
BREWING -						
Cellarmen	..	..	112/- & 115/-	"	122/3	"
Drivers (1 horse)	..	..	112/-	"	102/-	"
Labourers	..	..	112/-	"	118/-	"
Malt Hands	..	..	112/-	"	119/-	"
Towermen	..	..	115/-	"	123/-	"
BUTCHERING (RETAIL)						
Carter (1 horse)	..	..	108/-	"	107/-	"
General Hands	..	..	127/-	"	126/-	"
Shopmen	..	..	127/-	"	126/-	"
Smallgoods men	..	..	127/-	"	126/-	"
CONFECTIONERY -						
Journey men	..	..	125/-	"	114/-	"
Labourers	..	..	104/-	"	98/-	"
Storemen	..	..	104/- & 125/-	"	107/- to 111/-	"
JAM MAKING						
General Labour	..	..	107/-	"	107/-	"
Solderers	..	..	114/-	"	114/-	"
MEAT PACKING -						
Cappers	..	..	131/6	"	116/6	"
Guillotine Hands	..	..	110/-	"	116/6	"
Jokermen	..	..	124/-	"	116/6	"
Packers	..	..	112/-	"	116/6	"
Seamers	..	..	131/6	"	116/6	"
MILLING (FLOUR)						
Millers (Shift)	..	..	136/6 & 147/-	"	136/6 & 147/-	"
Packermen	..	..	121/6	"	121/6	"
Purifiermen	..	..	122/6	"	122/6	"
Smuttermen	..	..	122/6	"	122/6	"
Storemen (Head)	..	..	124/6 & 129/6	"	124/6 & 129/6	"
Topmen	..	..	122/6	"	122/6	"
PASTRY COOKING -						
Packers	..	..	111/2	"	98/-	"
Pastrycooks	..	..	125/6	"	124/-	"
CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.						
BOOTMAKING -						
Bootmakers	..	..	126/6	"	126/6	"

Industry and Occupation		SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.					
TAILORING (ORDER) -					
Cutters	..	177/6	44	137/-	44
Pressers	..	127/-	"	127/-	"
Tailors	..	127/-	"	127/-	"
TAILORING (READYMADE)					
Cutters	..	130/-	"	130/-	"
Pressers	..	127/-	"	127/-	"
Tailors	..	127/-	"	127/-	"
Trimmers	..	127/-	"	127/-	"
TEXTILE-WORKING -					
(WOOLLEN MILLS)					
Carders	..	106/-	"	106/-	"
Dyehousemen	..	107/-	"	107/-	"
Labourers (General)	..	100/-	"	100/-	"
Scourers	..	110/6 to 113/-	"	110/6 to 113/-	"
Spinners	..	106/-	"	106/-	"
Tuners	..	107/- to 124/-	"	107/- to 124/-	"
Warpers	..	108/-	"	108/-	"
BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING ETC.					
BOOKBINDING -					
Binders	..	132/-	"	131/-	"
Bookbinding (Journey-men)	..	132/-	"	131/-	"
Paper Rules	..	132/-	"	131/-	"
PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER) -					
Compositors -					
Day Work	..	138/6	"	155/6 & 172/-	38
Night Work	..	148/6	42	165/6 & 182/-	38
Machinists -					
Day Work	..	138/6	44	145/-	40
Night Work	..	148/6	42	163/-	38
Publishers	..	118/6 & 128/6	42	155/6 & 165/6	40&38
Readers -					
Day Work	..	146/6	44	155/6	40
Night Work	..	156/6	42	165/6	38
Stereotypers -					
Day Work	..	131/-	42	138/-	39
Night Work	..	141/-	40	148/-	38
PRINTING (JOBGING OFFICES) -					
Compositors	..	132/- & 141/-	44	131/- & 140/-	44
Linotype Operators	..	141/-	"	140/-	"
Machinists	..	132/-	"	131/-	"
Readers	..	135/-	"	134/-	"
Stereotypers	..	132/-	"	131/-	"
OTHER MANUFACTURING					
BRICKMAKING -					
Burners	..	129/- & 134/6	"	116/-	"
Clayholemen	..	126/3	"	120/-	"
Drawers	..	129/-	"	118/- & 120/6	"
Truckers	..	123/6	"	112/6	"
Setters	..	129/-	"	118/- & 120/6	"
COACHMAKING -					
Bodymakers	..	131/- & 135/-	"	130/- & 134/-	"
Labourers	..	102/-	"	101/-	"
Painters	..	131/-	"	130/-	"
Springmakers	..	135/-	"	134/-	"
Trimmers	..	131/-	"	130/-	"
Wheelwrights	..	131/-	"	130/-	"
GLASS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -					
Coke Trimmers	..	111/-	"	109/-	"
Gasfitters	..	137/-	"	146/10	"
Labourers	..	102/-	"	101/-	"
Meter Testers	..	110/- to 120/-	"	125/9	"

Industry and Occupation		SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
OTHER MANUFACTURING (Contd.)					
SHOE-MAKING AND SUPPLY (Contd.)-					
Service Layers ..	..	125/-	44	120/-	44
Service Layers' Labourers ..	..	107/-	"	109/-	"
Stokers ..	..	123/-	"	117/- to 125/-	"
JEWELLERY -					
Chainmakers ..	..	125/-	"	125/6	"
Mounters ..	..	125/-	"	125/6	"
Setters ..	..	125/-	"	125/6	"
SADDLERY AND HARNESS MAKING -					
Collar Makers ..	..	123/-	"	123/-	"
Harness Makers ..	..	123/-	"	123/-	"
SHANNING AND CURRYING -					
Beamsmen ..	..	116/-	"	116/-	"
Labourers ..	..	107/-	"	107/-	"
Limemen ..	..	114/-	"	114/-	"
Machinists -					
Shaving ..	..	121/- & 122/-	"	121/- & 122/-	"
Splitting ..	..	127/- & 129/-	"	127/- & 129/-	"
Unhairing ..	..	116/-	"	116/-	"
Tablemen ..	..	116/- & 119/-	"	116/-	"
BUILDING					
Bricklayers ..	..	143/6	"	148/10	"
Carpenters ..	..	143/6	"	141/-	"
Masons (Stone) ..	..	146/6	40	139/-	"
Painters ..	..	136/6	44	132/6	"
Paperhangers ..	..	136/6	"	132/6	"
Signwriters ..	..	143/10	"	132/6	"
Plasterer ..	..	146/-	"	143/9	"
Lumbers ..	..	144/10	"	143/10	"
Labourers -					
Bricklayers ..	..	108/-	"	107/-	"
Carpenters ..	..	108/-	"	107/-	"
Concrete Workers ..	..	108/-	"	107/-	"
Earth Excavators ..	..	108/-	"	107/-	"
Gear Workers ..	..	114/-	"	113/-	"
Scaffold Hands ..	..	114/-	"	113/-	"
RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES					
RAILWAYS -					
Engine Drivers Loco-			Ø		Ø
1st Class ..	..	155/- & 168/-	Ø	154/- & 160/-	Ø
2nd Class ..	..	149/-	Ø	148/-	Ø
3rd Class ..	..	143/-	Ø	142/-	Ø
Firemen -					
1st Class ..	..	128/- & 131/-	Ø	115/- to 121/-	Ø
2nd Class ..	..	125/-	Ø	113/-	Ø
3rd Class ..	..	114/- & 119/-	Ø	108/-	Ø
Guards -					
1st Class ..	..	140/-	Ø	139/-	Ø
2nd Class ..	..	129/- to 134/-	Ø	124/- to 133/-	Ø
3rd Class ..	..	116/- to 123/6	Ø	124/- to 133/-	Ø
Porters ..	..	104/- to 128/-	Ø	109/- to 112/-	Ø
Shunters -					
1st Class ..	..	138/6 & 141/6	Ø	136/- to 139/-	Ø
2nd Class ..	..	131/- & 134/-	Ø	128/6 to 131/6	Ø
3rd Class ..	..	116/- to 126/6	Ø	112/- to 119/6	Ø
Signalmen -					
1st Class ..	..	150/6	Ø	136/-	Ø
2nd Class ..	..	144/6	Ø	125/6	Ø
3rd Class ..	..	138/6	Ø	119/6	Ø
TRAMWAYS -					
Conductors -					
1st Year	111/- & 113/-	Ø	113/-	Ø
2nd Year	116/-	Ø	116/-	Ø
3rd Year	118/-	Ø	119/-	Ø

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RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (Contd.)					
TRAMWAYS (Contd.) -					
Labourers	105/-	Ø	107/-	Ø
Maintenance Men	105/- to 111/-	Ø	116/-	Ø
Motormen -					
1st Year	121/6	Ø	113/-	Ø
2nd Year	121/6	Ø	116/-	Ø
3rd Year	121/6	Ø	119/-	Ø
Pitmen	122/-	Ø	125/-	Ø
Ø 88 hours per fortnight					
TRANSPORT (OTHER)					
CARRYING - MERCHANDISE -					
Carters -					
1 horse	110/-	44	107/-	44
2 horses	115/-	"	112/-	"
Stablehands	109/6 to 114/6	"	102/6	"
Motor Lorries and waggons under -					
3 tons	112/- to 122/-	"	112/- to 116/-	"
3 tons and over	126/- to 130/-	"	119/-	"
SHARF LABOUR -					
Sharf Labourers (per hour)	3/8½ to 4/4½		3/8½ to 4/4½	
HOTELS, ETC.					
HOTELS -					
Barmen	113/-	44	112/-	44
Billiard Markers	101/-	"	106/6	"
Cooks	112/- to 214/-	"	112/6 to 148/-	"
Handymen	101/-	"	106/6	"
Kitchenmen	103/-	"	106/6	"
Porters	101/- & 104/-	"	106/6	"
Waiters	101/- & 108/-	"	106/6 & 112/-	"
HAIRDRESSING -					
Full Hands	125/-	"	156/6	47
Hairdressers	120/-	"	124/-	48
GENERAL LABOUR					
FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -					
Engine Drivers -					
1st Class	117/- & 120/-	"	116/- & 119/-	"
2nd Class	114/- & 117/-	"	113/- & 116/-	"
Firemen -					
1st Class	114/-	"	113/-	"
2nd Class	109/6	"	108/6	"
MUNICIPAL -					
Labourers	107/-	"	107/-	"
Street Sweepers	107/-	"	106/-	"
SHOP ASSISTANTS -					
Boot Salesmen	122/-	"	121/6	46
Drapery Salesmen	122/-	"	123/-	46
Furniture Salesmen	122/-	"	131/-	46
Grocery Salesmen	122/-	"	115/-	46
Hardware Salesmen	122/-	"	117/-	46
Men's Clothing Salesmen	122/-	"	126/-	46
STOREMEN AND PACKERS -					
Packers (General)	115/6 & 118/6	"	114/6	44
Storemen (General)	114/- & 116/6	"	114/6	44